

**Robert Y. Hayne to Andrew Jackson, November 10, 1819, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

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Charleston, November 10, 1819.

*Dear General,* Your friendly and very acceptable letter arrived here before me, and the day after I reached the City it was put in my hands. I thank you much for the pamphlet you were so good as to send. 2

2 Presumably a preliminary edition of Jackson's Memorial presented to the Senate Feb. 23, 1820; *Senate Docs.* , no. 73, 16th Cong., 1 sess.

As far as my opinions are concerned and I think I may add the opinions of almost all those here which are of any value, a vindication of your conduct is wholly unnecessary. whatever differences may exist elsewhere, in South Carolina in general, and in Charleston especially there exists but one sentiment of gratitude for your important services, and the utmost respect and affection for yourself. Under such circumstances the republication of the pamphlet here would, it seems to me, be superfluous. I shall however put it into the hands of my friends and of the very few individuals who require argument on the subject and I shall take the liberty likewise of putting it in one or two [of] our papers, or extracts from several portions of it, such as, "Sketeches of Character."

You ask my opinion of the Pamplet. The vindication is certainly satisfactory and the style proves the author to be a man of talents, but it seems to me to be too long and too much labored, particula[r]ly in the commencement. I think if it were curtailed to half the size and

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a condensed argument were presented, it would be better adapted to the purpose, which I take to be a plain appeal to the good sense of the American people.

On my return to this City, I was more fully convinced than ever of the *receipts* of your favoring us with a visit. The enquiries after your health and situation were so earnest that I could not but think you owe it to your native State to pay it a visit, and give us all an opportunity of saying "we have seen Genl. Jackson," a boast which at this moment makes me I assure you not a little envied by my friends here, but to be serious let me assure you my dear Sir, that there is nothing of a public nature, which could give my fellow citizens greater satisfaction than to have you for a short time among them. I think therefor the day is not distant when you will perform the promise you made me on that subject.

On my arrival here, I found that the yellow fever had made dreadful ravages. My children however, as well as all of my intimate friends are well.

Our member of Congress (my father in law) Mr. Charles Pinckny left here a few days since for Washington. <sup>3</sup> I do not know whether Congress will in any way renew discussion in which you may be involved, but if so I have the satisfaction to inform you that the member from Charleston feels as he ought to do on the subject. Should you visit Washington, Mr. P. will be very much rejoiced to see you and to render you any service in his power. I have scarcely a moment I can call my own. Dr. Simmons, and myself arrived here in good health, he desires to be remembered to you.

<sup>3</sup> Charles Pinckney, governor of South Carolina 1789–1792, 1796–1798, 1806–1808; senator 1798–1801; served in the House of Representatives from 1819 to 1821.

We heard it reported in North Carolina, that Major Eaton and a Mr. Irvine were about to fight a duel. I hope the difference is amicably settled.

with much respect Your obdt. Svt.